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SUBJECT: KY REJECTS PARTICIPATION IN CENTRAL ELECTION CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE

1. ACCORDING TO LOCAL PRESS VICE PRESIDENT KY SENT A FORMAL NOTE TO THE CENTRAL ELECTION CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE ON AUGUST 24, REJECTING AN INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE. THIS COMMITTEE IS ESTABLISHED UNDER CHAPTER 4 OF THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION LAW TO SUPERVISE THE CAMPAIGN, AND IN THE EVENT THERE ARE TWO SLATES A SUPREME COURT JUSTICE IS SELECTED TO SERVE AS CHAIRMAN.

2. A KY SPOKESMAN IS QUOTED AS SAYING THAT SINCE KY HAD ANNOUNCED HIS NONPARTICIPATION IN THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION, IT WAS "NONSENSE" FOR THE COMMITTEE TO HAVE INVITED KY TO SEND A REPRESENTATIVE TO ATTEND AN AUGUST 27 MEETING ON ELECTION CAMPAIGN PROCEDURES. THE SPOKESMAN REPORTEDLY SAID: "WE THINK WE NO LONGER HAVE BUSINESS WITH THE SUPREME COURT AFTER AUGUST 23 WHEN WE FORMALLY ANNOUNCED OUR DECISION."

3. ACTING MINISTER OF INTERIOR LE CONG CHAT TOLD CORDS LIAISON OFFICER AUGUST 27 THAT THE CHIEF JUSTICE HAD INFORMED HIM HE WOULD APPOINT A JUSTICE AS COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN SAME.

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AFTERNOON. CHAT REMARKED THAT ONCE THE CHAIRMAN HAS BEEN APPOINTED IT WOULD BE UP TO HIM TO GET THE SLATE REPRESENTATIVES TOGETHER. CHAT ALSO REMARKED THAT EVEN IF THERE IS ONLY ONE SLATE REPRESENTATIVE THE COMMITTEE WILL MEET AS PROVIDED IN THE LAW TO FIX THE DETAILS OF THE ELECTION CAMPAIGN.

4. INFORMATION SHEET DISTRIBUTED BY THE OFFICIAL GVN ELECTION INFORMATION CENTER LISTS THE TWO SLATES WITH LE TAI THRIEN DESIGNATED AS THE SLATE REPRESENTATIVE FOR THIEU AND THAI LAN THE SLATE REPRESENTATIVE FOR KY. PRESS REPORTS INDICATE THE MAI LINH PRINTING COMPANY, WHICH IS PRINTING OFFICIAL BALLOTS FOR THE ELECTION, IS CONTINUING TO PRINT BALLOTS FOR THE KY-LE SLATE.
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